

Message from Lieutenant General Roger C. Schultz

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From Lieutenant General Schultz:

As the first anniversary of September 11th approaches I want to say how very proud I have been of the people of this organization. Guard personnel across the country have answered the country's call -- regardless of the need. They've provided security at critical facilities, assisted on the borders and served in a wide variety of countries, including Afghanistan. No matter where duty called, no matter what was asked, the Guard was there. We have the finest people on earth right here in the Army National Guard and I want them to know that.

A year after the attacks we remain horrified and saddened by the loss of innocent lives and how those losses must have affected, and will forever affect, their families and friends. I'm still angry about the cowardly way we were attacked and want to see those who perpetrated that attack brought to justice.

The pain resulting from September 11th can motivate us to do good things. We can use it positively. This particular pain can motivate us to do things we might not do in easier times -- things like giving blood in hopes of saving a life that would otherwise be lost, or volunteering our time and energy to help someone who is in need. Maybe it will encourage us to keep our leaders and servicemembers in the forefront of our thoughts.

Let's turn the pain that's sure to come in the next days and weeks into something good. Let's show we care enough about what happened a year ago to change what happens today and tomorrow.

God bless America,

LTG Roger Schultz